

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 20 are pending and subject to a Restriction Requirement between 8 Groups of claims. Applicants hereby elect the subject matter of Group I, wherein ring A is phenyl. Applicants have amended claims 1, 3 and 4 to delete non-elected subject matter. Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue the canceled subject matter in one or more divisional applications.

The Examiner also requested an election of a single species. It is Applicants' understanding that this species election is being made to aid the Examiner in conducting a search and examination of the claimed subject matter, and is not to be construed as limiting the scope of Applicants' claims. It is also Applicants' understanding that if the elected subject matter is found to be allowable over the prior art, the search and examination will be expanded to cover other species, until it includes the full scope of the generic claims included in the elected group. Applicants hereby elect the species identified in the Application as Compound 78 at of Table 4, at page 83 of the specification. This compound is also the second compound listed in claim 13. Claims 1 to 4, 6 to 11 and 13 read on the elected species.

Applicants also request rejoinder of the method and process claims upon a determination of Allowability of the elected group.

The foregoing constitutes a full and complete reply to the Office Action dated May 15, 2007. An early and favorable action on the merits is requested respectfully.

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